(c) Initial notification of the sanctuary under Section 18 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 was issued on 01.06.1983 and final notification under Section 26 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 on 23.10.1999.

Fund for development of forest villages in Madhya Pradesh

†2463. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to different States and Madhya Pradesh for the development of forest villages by the Forest Development Authority constituted by the Central Government during current year;

(b) whether any criterion has been fixed for fund allocation;

(c) if so, what are these criterion; and

(d) whether a number of forest villages and the area of forests have been made the base for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) During 2005-06, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released an amount of Rs.181.04 crore for the development of 1,624 forest villages in 5 States under Special Central Assistance to the Tribal Sub-Plan. The details of State-wise release are given below:

Sl. No.	State	Released Amount (Rs. in crores)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	56.07
2.	Assam	40.57
3.	Chhattisgarh	43.57
4.	Gujarat	19.79
5.	West Bengal	21.04
	TOTAL:	181.04

(b) to (d) As per the norms, all the forest villages in the various States are to be covered. It has been decided to make provision of funds at an average rate of Rs.15 lakh per forest village.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.